

FIRST AUSTRALIAN RESOURCES LIMITED

Incorporated in Western Australia

August 17, 2004

Securities and Exchange Commission
Division of Corporation Finance
Office of International Corporate Finance
450 Fifth Street
WASHINGTON DC 20549
USA





Gentlemen:

EXEMPTION NUMBER 82-3494

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To continue the exemption of our securities from Section 12(g) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("the Act") and in accordance with Rule 12g-3-2(b)(iii) under the Act, we enclose announcements which information we have sent to The Australian Stock Exchange (Perth) Ltd, the only Stock Exchange on which, to our knowledge, our Company's securities are traded, and which was made public by the Exchange with which we filed.

The information is being furnished under Rule 12g-3-2(b)(iii), with the understanding that such information will not be deemed "filed" with the Securities and Exchange Commission or otherwise subject to the liabilities of Section 18 of the Act, and that neither this letter not the furnishing of such information shall constitute and admission for any purpose that this Company is subject to the Act.

Yours faithfully,

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TED BRINDAL Company Secretary

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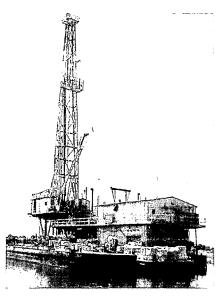
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ASX ANNOUNCEMENT AND MEDIA RELEASE

LAKE LONG WELL UPDATE

On day 15 of the program, the SL 328 #1 well, located at the Lake Long Field, Lafourche Parish, South Louisiana, is drilling ahead in 11 and 7/8 inch hole at 8,445 feet, using Parker Barge Rig 55-B. A time versus depth graph is attached to this report illustrating the planned forward program of the well. The next progress report will be Tuesday 24 August 2004.

The SL 328 #1 well is a proposed 15,500 foot (true vertical depth) test of the Lake Long Deep Prospect. The well is being operated by Palace Operation Company, of Tulsa, Oklahoma under a turnkey contract with Applied Drilling Technology Inc, a GlobalSantaFe Company.

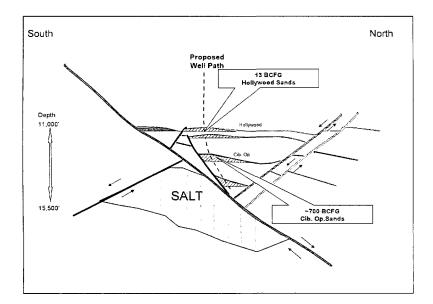


The SL 328 #1 well is being directionally drilled to test the *Cib. Op.* interval below 13,900 feet. The well has also been designed to evaluate shallower objectives at the 6900 Sand, Krumbhaar and Upper, Middle and Lower Hollywood intervals. The well is likely to take between 70 and 90 days.

Based on the Kent Bayou Field analogue, sand pay thicknesses exceeding 500 feet are possible at the *Cib. Op.* interval at Lake Long. The field operator, Kriti Exploration Inc has estimated the potential reserves of the prospect to be in the order of 766 billion cubic feet of gas equivalent.

With Henry Hub gas prices at US\$5.53 per thousand cubic feet, a prospect of this magnitude has the potential to generate a significant future cash flow stream with a meaningful impact on a company the size of FAR.

FAR is participating in the Lake Long Deep Test well by paying 5 percent of the well (before completion) reducing to a working interest of 4.09375 percent (after completion). All working interests are subject to State and other minor royalties. Other participants are non listed entities, Kriti Exploration Inc and Palace Exploration Company both based in North America.



To date, FAR has participated in four wells within the field, all of which have resulted in commercial production. Existing facilities within Lake Long will enable early sales into the central production system with Columbia gas and Amoco being the ultimate product purchasers, although field capacity would need to be upgraded in the event of a large gas discovery.

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